

APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application
by email to district.applications@austintexas.gov
by mail or in person to:
Office of the City Auditor
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130
Austin, TX 78701

*Application Period:
January 18, 2013
through
February 22, 2013*

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FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION

MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER
AT WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE

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DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission duties include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member terms of service include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
 - For a period of 10 years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person will not be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
 - For a period of three years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person may not hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
 - For a period of three years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person may not:
 - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
 - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
 - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

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Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Hewitt William Phillip
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1130899603

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

8812 Mosquero Cr. Austin TX 78748
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

n/a
(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-705-6701

Contact Email Address: philhewitt@aol.com

Spouse's Name: Gravatti Linda Mae
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In the last City Election did you or your spouse:	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Personal Background Information

- Ethnicity:
- Race:
- Gender: ☒ Male ☐ Female
- Age: (Please check your response)
☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☒ 65+
- Education level: (Please check any that apply)
☐ High School Diploma or GED
☐ Some College (major)
☐ Associate's Degree (major)
☐ Bachelor's Degree (major)
☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject)

Qualifications

Please describe your relevant analytical skills.

Analysis quite simply is knowing how to separate the wheat from the chaff--and knowing which is which. It requires an impartial/open mind, a keen ear, good reading skills and an active, questioning brain so that one can tell the difference between self-serving rhetoric or polemic prose and information that can actually help in pushing the project forward. It requires a willingness to suspend personal judgement, political preferences and evaluate information and data in light of the ultimate goal as outlined in the 10-1 Charter amendment--the sort of 'Holy Grail' of this project, if you will. Everything is subsumed under that. It requires that one work with other stakeholders, both on the commission and external stakeholders to acquire, evaluate, prioritize and determine what is best for the City of Austin in it's new governing structure.

Please describe your ability to be impartial.

Impartiality does NOT mean doing away with your ethics, your standards of action. It simply means treating all equally. In this case, it means listening with an open mind to the concerns and interests of the citizens--all of whom will be affected by this change and assuming that all those concerns are valid until proven otherwise. It means reading the written communications with an open mind and attempting to discern the real message in those communications.

And it means that the commission review, evaluate, prioritize and analyze those concerns in its deliberations and to take those concerns into account when making its decisions. And to do so without regard to the preferences of the individual members.

Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

Historically Austin has been divided into four quadrants--East/West and North/South. East(w/I-35 as the dividing line) has meant black/Hispanic. West has usually meant White. North has meant More; South, Less. None of that holds true as an absolute any longer. But the institutional and civic memory of those divisions are still around. The goal of this Commission is to keep those historic divisions, interests and memory in mind, while at the same time, producing a conclusion that will work for Austin of the 21st Century.

And it requires that all of us--the members of the Commission(and the citizens at large) remind ourselves and celebrate the importance of those memories and history. But we--all of us on the Commission especially--produce a 10-1 solution that will more effectively and honestly govern this city for the next ten years--at which time the census data will dictate a new commission.

Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

In a 40 yr career in state government and private business, analysis and impartial listening is what I did--Extensive and ongoing use of managerial and analytical skills. And they are: Identify the need, develop with appropriate stakeholders the goals and objectives. Determine the best research and data collection methods and approaches. Provide the professionals with clearly-stated parameters. Solicit input from other stakeholders. Listen impartially, assist in prioritization, classification and clarification. And always keep the ultimate goal in mind.

Analyze written and oral data and information w/in context of the ultimate goal.

And last, in a collegial fashion with others on the team, develop plan of action with time, personnel and money issues paramount.

Other: precinct judge Austin, 2008-2011(Travis Co.)---all elections; docent volunteer at Harry Ransom Center, UT--2012 present; reading mentor St. Elmo School. 2nd grade.

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DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

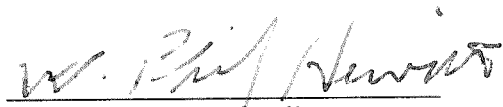
If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.


I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.


Signature of Applicant


Date